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HOUSE BILL 42

**47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2006**

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FOR THE FUNDING FORMULA STUDY TASK FORCE  
FOR THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE; EXTENDING THE LIFE OF THE  
FUNDING FORMULA STUDY TASK FORCE; CHANGING MEMBERSHIP; MAKING  
AN APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 22-8-46 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2005,  
Chapter 49, Section 1) is amended to read:

"22-8-46. FUNDING FORMULA STUDY TASK FORCE CREATED--  
MEMBERSHIP--DUTIES.--

A. The "funding formula study task force" is  
created. The task force shall function from the date of its  
appointment until December 15, [2006] 2007.

B. The task force is composed of the following  
members:

(1) three members from the house of

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1 representatives and three members from the senate appointed by  
2 the New Mexico legislative council;

3 (2) three members appointed by the governor;

4 (3) four representatives of public school  
5 administrators, including one each from a small district, a  
6 growth district, an impact aid district and a mid-sized  
7 district. The members shall be appointed by the New Mexico  
8 legislative council from a list submitted by the New Mexico  
9 superintendents' association; ~~and~~

10 (4) the president of the New Mexico school  
11 board association or the president's designee; and

12 (5) one representative of a statewide teacher  
13 organization appointed by the New Mexico legislative council.

14 C. Vacancies on the task force shall be filled by  
15 appointment by the original appointing authority.

16 D. Members of the task force are entitled to per  
17 diem and mileage as provided in the Per Diem and Mileage Act  
18 and shall receive no other compensation, perquisite or  
19 allowance.

20 E. Staff for the task force shall be provided by  
21 the legislative council service, the legislative education  
22 study committee, the legislative finance committee, the public  
23 education department and the office of education accountability  
24 of the department of finance and administration. Staff shall  
25 provide technical assistance to the contractor.

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F. The task force shall:

- (1) develop a work plan and budget for approval by the New Mexico legislative council;
- (2) approve the request for proposals for a contractor to conduct the study of the public school funding formula and select the contractor; and
- (3) make recommendations to the legislature and the governor by December 15, [~~2006~~] 2007.

G. The request for proposals shall request a comprehensive study of the public school funding formula, including the expectations of the public and statutory requirements for New Mexico's public education system; the costs of those expectations and requirements; and a thorough analysis of all formula components and consideration of possible changes to the formula, including:

- (1) a revised training and experience index aligned to the three-tiered licensure system for teachers;
- (2) size factors associated with small schools and small school districts; and
- (3) any other factor with the potential to affect the equity and efficacy of the funding formula as a whole."

Section 2. APPROPRIATION.--One million dollars (\$1,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative council service for expenditure in fiscal years .159117.1

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1 2006 through 2008 to pay the expenses of the funding formula  
2 study task force and the cost of the comprehensive study of the  
3 public school funding formula. Any unexpended or unencumbered  
4 balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2008 shall revert  
5 to the general fund.

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